

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, June 20, 2007.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

Gracious God, we depend upon Your assistance and direction in our daily struggle to resolve issues, both personal and legislative, in an objective, honorable and thoughtful manner. Your guidance enables us to comprehend the consequences of our decisions as we try to select the best options which are available to us. In these uneasy and even turbulent times, inspire us to remain faithful to our political and philosophical principles and religious beliefs and practices. Grant us the vision to plan for a peaceful, prosperous and family-friendly future for our Commonwealth and our citizens.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of  
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### *Resolutions.*

Winston L.  
Fairfield.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. McCarthy of East Bridgewater) congratulating Winston L. Fairfield on his retirement, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

### *Papers from the Senate.*

Ludlow-Hampden  
Correctional  
Center.

A report of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to an inspection of the Ludlow-Hampden Correctional Center, in the town of Ludlow, was spread upon the records of the House; and returned to the Senate.

The following notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate, to wit:—

June 15, 2007.

Honorable Salvatore F. DiMasi  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives*  
Room 356 State House  
Boston, MA 02133

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2007.

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the honor to inform you that Senate President Therese Murray has announced the appointment (pursuant to Section 17 of Chapter 42 of the Acts of 2007) of Senators Stephen M. Brewer and Stanley C. Rosenberg to the Dairy Farm Revitalization Task Force.

Dairy Farm  
Task Force.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. WELCH,  
*Clerk of the Senate.*

### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2226) of Robert A. O'Leary and Eric Turkington (by vote of the town) for legislation to further clarify the Nantucket Islands Land Bank Act regarding real property interests subject to the land bank act's transfer fee,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Revenue. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Nantucket  
Islands,  
land bank.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, so much of a message from His Excellency the Governor (House, No. 3749) as relates to sections 4, 6, 7 and 8 and House, No. 2601, a Bill to promote quality and affordable municipal health insurance through the GIC (House, No. 4105), which was read.

Municipal  
health  
insurance.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was referred, on further motion of the same member, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on House, Nos. 1126 and 1165, a Bill to increase the personal care allowance for residents of long term care facilities (House, No. 1126) ought to pass. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Long term care  
facilities,  
allowances.

By Mr. Rodrigues of Westport, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill relative to professional engineers and land surveyors (House, No. 278).

Engineers and  
surveyors.

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to payment in lieu of taxes (House, No. 3102).

In lieu of taxes  
reimbursements.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Rodrigues of Westport, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 4006, a Bill authorizing the city of Gardner to grant 3 additional licenses for the

Gardner, liquor  
licenses.

MassHealth  
program.

sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4106) [Local Approval Received].

Veterans  
groups,  
tax  
exemptions.

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on House, No. 1155, a Bill regarding equality in the MassHealth program (House, No. 4107) [Cost: \$5,360,000.00].

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill to provide local property tax relief to nonprofit veteran organizations (House, No. 3045).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Springfield Water  
and Sewer  
Commission,  
land.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following matters be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Newton,  
investments.

The Senate Bill authorizing the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission to convey certain land (Senate, No. 1169); and

Mass. College  
of Art.

House bills

Relative to the investment of trust funds for the city of Newton (House, No. 3951) [Local Approval Received]; and

Changing the name of the Massachusetts College of Art (House, No. 4088);

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Next  
sitting.

#### *Order.*

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

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At seventeen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.